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Yuletide Concert Tomorrow Night

Pen & Mike Xmas Dance Tonight

By Charlie Bunnell

This is it, the night of the colossal Christmas Dance. Tonight is the night for all good men to come to the aid of themselves. Do you suffer??? Well, if you do, just bring your sufferings with you tonight and we will sympathize with you.

All the sorrowfuls will be there to bear their agonies to the music of Bill Cofrances and the Arabian Knights. It will give one and all a chance to moon to the most celestial surroundings. To those who are just interested in a good time, well, there might be room enough for you too. Incidentally, if you are interested on crying on somebody's shoulder, we have reserved the trombone player for that very purpose.

DOOR PRIZES

There will be several door prizes awarded at intermission time and we request you to keep your ticket stubs so you won't be sore when someone else drives your canary-yellow convertible away. Seriously speaking, the main prize will either be a ticket to the Winter Week-end or an equivalent gift certificate to Hayes and Carney or the Fashion Shop. A skit will also be presented by members of the Pen and Mike Club.----See ya there!

FATHER LYONS ELECTED PRES. OF VT. EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Very Reverend Daniel P. Lyons, president of St. Michael's College will head the Vermont Council on Higher Education for the coming year. Fr. Lyons was elected president at a recent meeting of the Council held at Vermont Junior College in Montpelier.

He succeeds Dr. Ralph E. Noble, President of Vermont Junior College. The Council includes all the Senior and Junior Colleges in the state.

As the newly elected President of the Council, Fr. Lyons called a meeting for January 2, 1951, which will be held at this college. This meeting will be attended by a sub-committee of seven. It will be a luncheon meeting at 12.

Because of the rising costs of education and because of the necessity of providing more education in Vermont for Vermont students, the Council has authorized the committee to draw up a plan and submit it to the Legislature when it reconvenes.

Attending the meeting with Fr. Lyons who will act as chairman, will be Dr. William S. Carlson, President of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural Col-

Education Majors Attention!

The National Teacher Examinations, prepared and administered annually by Educational Testing Service, will be given at testing centers throughout the United States on Saturday, February 17, 1951.

At the one-day testing session a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in General Culture, Mental Abilities and Basic Skills, and Professional Information; and one or two of nine Optional Examinations, designed to demonstrate mastery of subject matter to be taught. The college which a candidate is attending or the school system in which he is seeking employment will advise him whether he must offer the National Teacher Examinations and which of the tests he should take.

Application forms, and a Bulletin of Information describing registration procedure and containing sample test questions, may be obtained from college officials, school superintendents, or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey. A completed application, accompanied by the proper examination fee, should reach the ETS office not later than January 19, 1951.

lege; William H. Carter, Johnson State Teachers College, representing the normal colleges of the state; General Ernest Harmon, President of Norwich University; Dr. Ralph E. Noble, President of Vermont Junior College; Dr. Royce S. Pitkin, President of Goddard College; and Dr. Samuel S. Stratton, President of Middlebury College. Fr. Lyons will also represent Trinity College.

The report of the committee will be offered to the Education committees of the Senate and House. Fr. Lyons said, as the recommendation of the colleges in the state.

St. Michael's now gets 30 scholarships of \$120 each for Vermonters who choose to come to St. Michael's. Fr. Lyons feels \$120 is too little today, and that the number allotted to St. Michael's is too small.

SAC:

By Harry Daniels

This week Jack Lyons spoke before the Council on the part of the N.F.C.C.S. about the O.S.P. (Over Seas Program) in order to raise money to help students behind the Iron Curtain to get a Catholic Education and to do many other things.

Yearbooks have been mailed out to all the students who did not return to school this year.

It has now been verified that the electric power will be left on at Ryan I as long as there is no abuse of late lights.

This week the N.F.C.C.S. came up with another fine proposal to help support the Catholic Youth Organization in Burlington. Their support will consist of sending a couple of our talented athletes down a couple times a week to give the kids a few tips on sports. The Student Council voted its approval and within a week or so you will be hearing more about the new Burlington C.Y.O.

FEATURES GLEE CLUB AND MIXED CHORALE

Class Rings For '52

By Ralph Kistner

In keeping with the Christmas Season, the St. Michael's Glee Club will again present its annual Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17, at 8:15 in Austin Hall. As in the past the Concert will be open to the public and students alike, free of charge.

PROGRAM

The program will consist of a selection of favorite traditional Christmas carols and several modern Christmas songs.

Also participating in the Concert will be the Mixed Chorales of St. Michael's and Trinity College. Many will remember the Chorale in the Night of Knights Show when they sang the popular "'Twas the Night before Christmas" which they will also present Sunday evening.

Other selections will consist of "Carol of the Bells" "Silent Night" and "Three Kings." And in a lighter vein there will be such numbers as "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland."

The finale "Oh Holy Night" will be sung by the combined groups of the Glee Club and Mixed Chorale.

The entire program will be under the direction of Rev. J. M. Faustina.

CHOIR TO SING AT STOWE SUN.

The newly organized St. Michael's Choir will travel to Stowe Sunday to sing High

The newly organized St. Michael's Choir will travel to Stowe Sunday to sing High Mass at the famous Blessed Sacrament Church, noted in the sports world as the "Skiers Chapel."

The 14 choir members will leave Sunday morning and arrive in time to participate in the 9:00 Mass, which is to be said by the Rev. Fr. Francis McDonough, a former Michaelman.

Fr. Faustina, director of the new choir, reports that he still could use several more singers. Anyone interested is requested to see Fr. Faustina in his office in Old Hall 205.

Condolences to Miss Jeanne Boudreau, secretary to the Dean of Studies, on the recent death of her father.

NO TRANSFERS

Students moving into Ryan Hall after the holiday will continue to play with the team they have already been assigned to. Rev. G. B. Larkin, director of intramurals, announced this week.

Season's Best Wishes From FATHER LYONS

Christmas is much more than a day of sentiment, of holly and trees and gifts, of cheerful greetings, pleasant memories and family reunions.

It is the birthday of God Incarnate. "This day is born to you a Saviour." "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

We all regard the Babe of Bethlehem as the Prince of Peace. Yet who does not feel the heart-breaking incongruity between the sacred event we commemorate and the harsh realities which surround us? The world is desperately in need of a Saviour - yet it does not seem aware that this Saviour, this Prince of Peace, still dwells in our midst.

As we stand at the Crib on Christmas Day, let us ask our Infant Saviour to inspire the leaders of all nations with His principles of justice and charity - and to prevent further holocaust of His children. And let us not forget, too, to ask our Blessed Mother - Our Lady of Fatima - to use her intercession in hastening the day of peace.

On behalf of the entire faculty and community at St. Michael's, my fervent wish to all Michaelmen and to their beloved families is a Blessed Christmas - a Christmas blessed by a peace which the world cannot give.

Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, S.S.E., President

SMOC WEEKEND

A passage from potency to act, costing approximately \$1000, will soon take place when the well laid plans of the Outing Club will be realized in the form of the Winter Carnival. It is one of the outstanding events of the year and will take place on the weekend of February 2, 3, and 4. The St. Michael's Outing Club has labored prodigiously and have arrived at the following program.

The Winter Carnival will commence with an informal ski meet Friday afternoon, on the slopes across the road from the science building. It will feature intramural competition in the downhill and slalom. Friday night, the Sno-Ball will be held in Austin Hall. This is the big dance of the Carnival and dress will be semi-formal.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS

Saturday afternoon will find the hockey team pitted against the engineers from

R.P.I. Following the game a command performance will be given by the Arabian Knights of their easy to listen to jazz concert. Saturday night the feature attraction is a basketball game with the opposition being supplied by St. Anselm's of Manchester, N. H. A post-game informal party and dance will take place in Austin Hall.

On Friday and Saturday, a varsity ski meet will be held on the tear drop at

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The Wrong Way

There is a right way to do a thing and there is a wrong way. Last week we saw a perfect example of the wrong way in a publication which we will not honor by naming. By now it is safe to assume that everyone at the college knows to what we are referring.

In this particular paper the "Fifth Column" editor, or editors, may have had some justifiable complaints, but the manner he undertook to express them can in no way be praised. A knife in the back never deserves a pat on the back. To us that is what the paper was, a knife in the back. Suspicion was cast on innocent students, and the Student Council in general, plus the administration was cast in a bad light.

It is not our desire to condemn the person, or persons behind this very distasteful piece of work. They undoubtedly were in a fit of passion when they wrote it. We certainly hope so, for we cannot see how any intelligent Catholic student could release such venom if he had acutely thought the matter over.

We do, however, condemn the means which they used. What are we going to a Catholic College and studying moral philosophy for, if we are going to overthrow these principles when we are the least bit irked.

If anyone is afraid to see the administration when he has something on his mind then he has his Student Council. Why not use the correct means at hand? That's what we have them for. Sure, they make mistakes, but don't we all? When we do, however, we like to be given another break. They are no different.

Perhaps the administration and Student Council were both hasty in organizing farm aid a week ago last Sunday, but remember this, the Student Council confessed their part of the misunderstanding, along with the administration, in an intelligently written letter to THE MICHAELMAN, and it was properly SIGNED.

If they are men enough to sign their letter, why not the editor (s) of the gripesheet? This is a free land we're living in. At this time especially we are aware of how much we want to keep it free.

In the future then let us avoid using the means encouraged by our enemies and let us instead make use of the free and proper means at our disposal.

War and Peace, 1950

It is ironic that no one becomes concerned with the root causes of a war until after the armistice. Even now, on the brink of the abyss, we are blinded by the immediate issues of the world crisis. The headlines scream them! War news builds war fever. The more we hear of war, the more we want to hear. The more we fear war, the more we are impatient to have the preliminaries over and done with.

It is all well and good to face reality, yet we cannot have war become the *sum* of reality to us. Concretely speaking, it boils down to this ... by no means should we bow out of hard-won Korea - but neither should we despair of peace.

By probing the roots, the wise man knows that war is not the sum of all evil, nor an isolated evil. He realizes that all men in their everyday actions have a share in choosing war or making peace. So we see that most of the weight rests on our individual shoulders.

War is begun by governments, but peace begins with individuals. Not by letters to our Congressmen but with our prayers. We must first resolve to build a "buffer" of peace within and around ourselves. With this foundation, we can face the headlines!

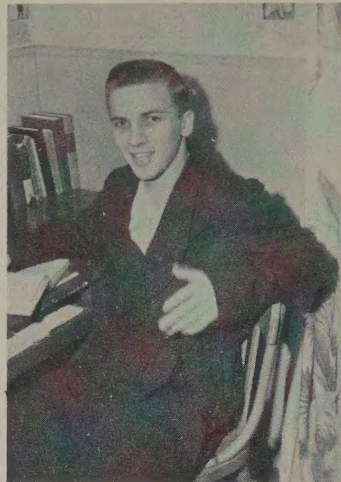
Yet what kind of a peace is it that we must pray for? Peace is defined as a "tranquillity of order." For some, it is just tranquillity - the menace they see in war is merely the disturbance of their quiet nights. The rest will disagree as to the order in the peace they pray for. More than likely Moscow's idea of order is unparallel to Washington's. So when we pray to God for peace in the world, it must be His peace, as He wills it.

With this responsibility we cannot avoid war - thoughts by pre-occupation with mere diversions, and it would be folly likewise to attempt the building of that fundamental self-peace, while our minds are filled completely with war.

HILL WIND

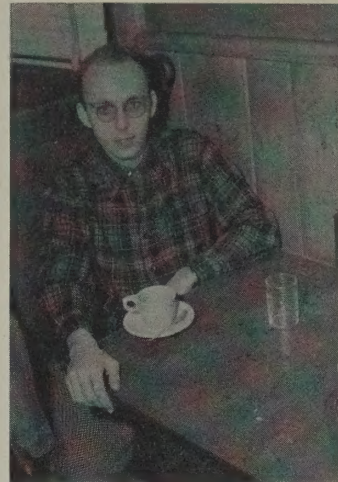
By Bernard Flynn

What do you think of the administration's present testing program?



Ado Tengalia '52
Otter River, Mass.

I believe the present testing system at St. Michael's, that is, no quarterly tests but intermittent tests given at the discretion of the professors is a valuable asset to the student. By this method the student is more apt to keep up with his studies, giving him a better understanding of the subject and facilitating his preparation for the semester exam.



Tom Welch '51
North Adams, Mass.

The present system of test upon test, followed by "quizzes" seems to me to leave too little time for lectures in class. Students are being kept so busy studying for these weekly (sometimes daily) tests that they are forced to neglect their education. The preferable system, it seems to me, would be to eliminate all tests except the final. Let us "sink or swim" on that.



John Izzo '51
Springfield, Mass.

The current system employed is the best ever, keeping the student alert with data studied. It is, to my reasoning, very beneficial to the student in the final analysis. Of course, there is much more work for those unconscious students who are opposed "to work," but they will see the light, so to speak, and profit greatly by this testing method.

Letter To The Editor

I want you to know how proud I am of all our Michaelmen who pitched in this week to help the storm victims. It was hard work and often unpleasant, but it was work that had to be done.

Our Lord loves a cheerful giver and we are grateful that the givers were many and faithful. Just as Michaelmen of another generation helped the flood victims in 1927, so our present students were not wanting when they were offered the opportunity to do a charitable deed.

The praise that has come from all corners for your work is perhaps one reward. The real blessing is that of having a generous heart. God bless you.

Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons,
S.S.E.,
President, St. Michael's College.

Following are excerpts from letters received by Fr. Lyons thanking the college for the work done in the disaster crisis just past:

"Both of these organizations (Burlington Lions Club and Chittenden County Disaster Committee) have directed me to indicate to you and the students of your college, a very warm gratitude for your contribution to the efforts of our Committee.

"Without the direction of John Buchan and Bill Piscione, and many, many others on the campus, coupled with the untiring efforts of the students, the work of the Committee would have been impossible."

Very respectfully,
Clarke A. Gravel
(Pres. of Burlington Lions Club and Chairman of the Chittenden County Disaster Committee).

.... "The prompt manner in which the college organized this relief speaks wonderfully for the efficient way in which it was organized. I am sure that what the college has done will never be forgotten by those benefited."

Sincerely,
James H. Smith



Ever hear of "Our Lady of Fatima?"

It was nine years ago this month, December 7, 1941, to be exact, that the Japanese air force made a "sneak" and successful attack on the United States Armed Forces at Pearl Harbor. On the following day, as a result of this attack, the U.S. was thrown into the greatest war in history, by declaring war on Germany and Japan. December 8, of that year was a grim day in our country's history but nevertheless a happy one in the Catholic Church's liturgical year, for it is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, who is the patroness of America.

Gen. MacArthur, who only a few weeks previously had been called out of retirement, led his forces out of Bataan with the cry, "I will return," and after thousands of our men had been killed and almost as many islands had been conquered by the "Nips" he regrouped his forces in Australia and three and one-half years later was at the gateway to Tokyo. Finally, after Germany had been forced to surrender in Europe, on May 8, 1945, which in the Church's year is the feast of the "Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel" (this school's patron saint), "V.J." day was attained on August 14, '45. This is the vigil of another of our Blessed Lady's feast days, -- the feast of the Assumption.

Because that war began and was finished with the Queen of Heaven in our minds she must have had something to do with its final outcome. Maybe it was because we prayed - THEN. As was aforementioned, it was on a day in honor of St. Michael that we won in Europe, so we here at St. Michael's should be especially thankful and proud of the victory. Sure, we thanked her then, why not continue to thank her and also ask for her guidance and help in our present conflict?

Our Lady of Fatima, who in reality is this same mother of the Infant whose birthday we will celebrate next week promised that Russia WOULD be converted and that we would have a certain period of peace, if we would only pray and ask forgiveness for our sins. At this same time, when she appeared to the three little peasant girls in Fatima, Portugal, in 1916, she foretold the second world war, and also that Russia would scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. "The good will be martyred, The Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed," she said. We see now that she was right in her visions of Russia, and that the one SURE way to get lasting peace is to pray. The reason for this present conflict is because, as she said in another apparition, in the Philippine Islands, in November of 1948, "Men do not grant what I ask, nor do they believe what I say."

As one of our Professors so aptly put it - "BEFORE WE TRY THE A-BOMB, LET'S TRY THE ROSARY."



by Dan Tarpey

How about this: The probable result of "big" Ted Burzenski having to miss the Middlebury, AIC and Becker tilts will cost him a chance of hitting the charmed 1000 point mark. Sitting these games out will chalk off some 60 odd markers in his final point tabulation.

Last week, I dropped a line to the publicity director at Dartmouth, in quest of information from Coach Doggie Julian concerning his opinion of the Purple and Gold hoopsters. In a return letter, I was informed Julian stated, that the Knights had a very fine aggressive team, which should do well this season. The Dartmouth mentor also went on record as saying that Jim Farley was an outstanding player and showed fine qualities of floorwork, ball-handling and leadership.

Turning to the hot stove league one finds the average Red Sox fan elated over the recent deal which brought Scarborough and Wight to Boston. Personally, I can't see it as the two new comers average about 63 years between them. The Sox in letting Zarilla go, cut one of the finest outfielders in baseball from their roster. Littlefield, a promising 23-year-old righthander, was brought up when the pressure was on last season and still managed to perform adequately in relief. Dobson with his big hook had averaged 15 wins per season since joining the Hose in '40. Furthermore, if Goodman supplants Zarilla, the Sox will have sacrificed a strong right arm for a weak one, and a comparative long ball swatter for a banjo hitter. No pennant for the Red Sox this season so I guess I'll tag along with the "old pros" for a repeating performance in the junior circuit.

The St. Michael's gridders balloted for their annual all-opponent team last Tuesday. Those who received honors were:

Ends: Robustelli - Arnold College

Lukeasiewicz - AIC

Tackles: Osur - Springfield

Lenardi - Springfield

Guards: Fleischner - AIC

Meltzer - Springfield

Center: Ryan - Springfield

Quarterback: Fogarty - Hofstra

Left Half Back: Salvicci - AIC

Right Half Back: Webb - Arnold

Full Back: Insalaco - Springfield

Honorable mention: End - Boyus (Arnold); Tackle - Crannell (Norwich); Guard - Murco (Springfield); Center--Connelly (Arnold); Backs - Brown (UVM); Kehoe (UVM); D'Agostino (Springfield).

Andy Robustelli, the Arnold College stellar end, was voted the outstanding griddier the Knights faced this past season. "Robust" Robustelli had a "finis" written to his college career when he suffered a fractured ankle in the St. Michael's tilt. Andy recently fractured his ankle again - this time, while playing tag football with the opposite sex.

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Knights Face Heavy Schedule Over Xmas

While most of us are eyeing the coming Christmas holiday with thoughts of relaxation and good times, Barry Branon and his Purple basketballers are working harder than ever in order to meet the heavy schedule of games which will confront them during the next two weeks. Starting tonight (Fri.) in Springfield, Mass., where the Branonmen tangle with American International, and ending on the 30th of this month with Taylor of Indiana providing the opposition, the Knights will play five contests and show their wares in three states.

AT WORCESTER

Tomorrow (Sat.) Becker will be gunning for revenge when they take the floor, for a year ago SMC pasted a severe 67-43 defeat on the Worcesterites. On the 19th the scene will shift to Troy, N. Y., where athletic relations between St. Mike's and R.P.I. will begin. The Engineers have won 25 out of 31 games in the last two seasons and are known as a second-half outfit. Bob Halloran, 6-2 forward, is their main offensive threat. Captain Murphy, 6-4, and Ken Martin, 6-6, also will bear watching.

BACK TO BOSTON

As for AIC, the outlook there is not as good as last winter and since the Knights were victorious

against the Aces 67-55, hopes for a repeat performance are high. The final two games of December are the big ones however. For on the 21st, the Branonmen return to Boston to face Tufts College at the Garden, and nine days later, the first of four Western invaders, Taylor U., will strut their stuff at the Auditorium. The Tufts battle will be a special target for Farley & Co., since they will be out to atone for a disappointing loss to St. Anselm's in the Arena last March. The "Trojans" of Taylor will be represented by an all-veteran five, which won 19 games and lost 8 in the 1949-50 campaign. Norm Wilhelmi a 6-4 center who dunked in 377 points, Oral Ross, the diminutive forward who threw 366, and guard Ken Wright with 326 points to his '49-'50 credit.

SMC 83-Jays 56 "Big" Ted Nets 21

By Bill Keogh

An improved team will face the Purple Knights of St. Michael's College on March 7 of next year at Plattsburg, N.Y. This team will be the same one that took an 83 to 56 shellacking last Saturday night - Champlain. Although they were completely outclassed, the Jays looked good even though their lack of experience hampered them.

The contest started off as though it would be a tuck-and-nip affair, but such was not the case. Midway through the first half, the Purple grabbed the lead and took command from then on. At gun-time ending the first half, St. Mike's and Champlain both had 8's on the scoreboard but the Knights had a 4 in front of theirs while the Jays had a deuce - SMC 48, Champlain 28. The last canto was all in favor of the Branonmen, who out-

scored their opponents 35 to 28. When McCarthy wasn't hitting from the outside, Burzenski and Aumond put the ball in around the hoop from the inside.

Showing last season's form was tall Ted Burzenski who was top point-getter for the evening with his ten goals and lone foul for 21 points. Next in line for the scoring blue ribbon were Danny McCarthy and Paul Aumond each with 13. McCarthy getting his via the set-shot and Aumond hooking them in from the bucket. Defensively, Eddie "Whistler" Markey and Jimmy "Fancy" Farley kept the Jaymen on their toes constantly.

On the "blue" side, scoring honors were shared by Joe Fennel and Charlie Carr with 11. The frosh-soph line-up also got some excellent floor work from Jerry Samuels, Ed Anderson, and Jim Reilly. These men worked around the double-bucket smoothly enough to show future opponents that they had something.

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SMOC

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Mt. Mansfield. Festivities will come to a close with a ski trip to Mansfield Sunday.

The SMOC has planned to spend approximately a thousand dollars on the Carnival this year to insure its success. There will be two prizes given for the two best

snow sculptures erected by the halls.

CARNIVAL QUEEN

A Carnival is not complete without a reigning queen. The contest is to be conducted in the same manner as last year. He who aspires to have his girl crowned queen should get the best picture of his best girl while he is home during the approaching vacation.

This year the queen will be crowned and take the throne at the dance Friday night. This is deemed a better method than that used the forerunning years when the queen-elect was crowned at an informal party Friday afternoon. It can be concluded that anyone who misses the Winter Carnival will pass up the chance for a swell time.

**Once a lad at St. Mike's
Said: "Heck, I can't write,
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